(c) the reasons behind such stalemate; and

(d) the steps being taken to end the stalemate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Security clearance to Jet Airways Board

2799. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs was approached in June 2002 for an expeditious response on the issue of security of the reconstituted Board of Jet Airways;

(b) whether despite clear guidelines regarding empowerment of the Ministry of Home Affairs, no decision was taken by the Ministry; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the chronological sequence of approach of security clearance in January, 2002, till actual clearance given by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Civil Aviation requested this Ministry In July, 2001 to provide security clearance in respect of Indian/NRI/Foreign Directors on the reconstituted Board of Directors of M/s Jet airways (India) Private Limited. This proposal was further amended by M/s Jet Airways on 24th July 2003 and the same was conveyed to this Ministry by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on 6.10.2003. This was examined in great detail by the concerned security and law enforcement agencies and the security clearance was conveyed to the Ministry of Civil Aviation on 1st November, 2004.

Convictions under NDPS Act

2800. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of convictions under Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act;

(b) whether the conviction rate is miserable on account of faulty investigation and prosecution; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As per the data published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the conviction rate in NDPS Act cases during the last three years from 2003 to 2005 was around 61.00% as compared to overall conviction rate of around 41% in IPC cases.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Problems to farmers on border due to fencing

2801. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousand acres of land has been rendered barren due to the fencing along the Indo-Pak border in J&K;

(b) if so, whether no compensation has been paid to the farmers till date, for their lands;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are aware that farmers are facing a lot of problems in transporting their agricultural products from fields to their homes, due to the time-schedule of opening and closing the border gates by security forces; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent the unnecessary harassment and humiliation of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) No land has been rendered barren due to fencing along the Indo-Pak border in J&K. However, BSF has acquired 22 feet wide stretch of land all along 180 km segment of International Border in Jammu, which is being gainfully utilized for erection of fencing and flood lighting. Due compensation has been paid to the affected farmers for their lands.